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An ACT to supply the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, intituled “*An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty’s Islands.*”

 HEREAS the Fund established by an Act, intituled “An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty’s Islands” has proved inadequate to the discharge of the heavy expences to which the Public of these Islands were, in the course of the last War, unavoidably subjected,—in order, therefore, the more effectually to support the Credit of the Public, by providing for the Deficiency of the said Fund in such manner as may be consistent with the present abilities of the people, We your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty’s Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be enacted by your Majesty’s Governor, Council, and Assembly, and is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that from and after the twentieth day of *June* next, until the twentieth day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, there be a duty of Six-pence on each and every gallon of Rum which shall be retailed, vended, sold, or expended in these Islands.

AND for the effectual collecting the said Duty, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each and every person or persons who shall be possessed on the said twentieth day of *June* next of any Rum, exceeding five gallons, shall, on or before the twenty-fifth day of *June* next, give upon oath, if required, to the Collector for the parish where such Rum shall be, a just and true account of all such Rum as such person shall then have been in possession of, from and

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after the said twentieth day of *June* next; and that each and every person or persons who shall, from time to time, after the said twentieth day of *June* next, during the continuance of this Act, be possessed of any Rum by importation, shall, within forty-eight hours after the landing or receiving the same within any Parish in these Islands, render unto the Collector for such Parish where such Rum shall be so landed or received a just and true account of the number of Gallons, and of the denomination of each Vessel containing the same, and shall, from time to time, give unto the said Collector for the Parish an account upon oath, if required, in what manner, and to whom such Rum hath been disposed of, otherwise to be obliged to pay the duty for as many Gallons as he or they do not account for; and that if any Rum shall be found by the Collector for the Parish where such Rum shall be in the possession of any person who hath not fully complied with the directions of this Act, such Rum so found shall be forfeited, one half to the informer, and the other half to the same uses as the Duties imposed by this Act. And if the Collector for the Parish of the Duty aforesaid shall at any time be informed of any person or person's having had Rum in his, her, or their possession, which has not been reported to such Collector for the Parish, and such Collector for the Parish can prove, by one credible person, upon oath, before any Justice of the Peace, that any person or persons hath, or have had Rum in his, her, or their possession, every such person or persons so having had such Rum in his, her, or their possession as aforesaid, shall (unless it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Justice taking cognizance of such matter, that the Duties of all such Rum so proved to have been in his, her, or their possession before that time, had been reported to such Collector) forfeit and pay the sum of Five Pounds current money, and also pay the Duties of such Rum as imposed by this Act, one half of which forfeiture shall be to the use of the informer, and the other half to the same uses as the Duties imposed by this Act, to be recovered by whoever will sue for the same.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any oath shall be made before any Justice of the Peace, that such person so making oath whether the Collector of the Duty or otherwise doth believe, or hath reason to suspect, that any Rum is in any particular house or place, which hath not been reported as by this Act is directed, that then such Justice before whom such oath shall be made, shall grant a warrant to a Constable of the Parish, who, with the Collector or Collectors, or other person lodging such information, shall be thereby empowered to search such house or place for any Rum; and that all such Rum so found in such Parish, shall be seized by the said Constable, and by him kept until proof shall be made

made before any two Justices of the Peace in these Island, that such Rum hath been reported to the Collector or Collectors; and that the Decree of any two Justices concerning such Rum shall be definitive. And whatever Rum shall be found not to have been reported as required by this Act, shall be forfeited, one half to the informer, and the other half to the same uses as the Duties imposed by this Act; and that such Rum shall, within ten days after conviction as aforesaid, be sold at Public Vendue by the said Collector or Collectors; and it shall be lawful for such Constable to call any person or persons to his assistance in the execution of such warrant; and if, upon request of any Constable to open any door or other suspected place, it shall not be immediately complied with, it shall then be lawful for such Constable to open, or cause the said door or other place to be opened by force, provided it be in the day; and that all persons who shall act in opposition to, or refuse to aid and assist such Constable in the execution of his Office, shall severally forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Pounds current money, to be recovered by such Constable or any other person who shall sue for the same, one half of which forfeiture shall be to such Constable or other person who may sue for the same, and the other half to the same uses as the Taxes imposed by this Act.

AND be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all such Rum as shall be vended, sold, or retailed in any punch or other mixture by any person or person's keeping a house wherein they usually sell punch or other liquors, shall pay the duty in such manner as if such Rum had been sold without a mixture, always provided that if the duty of such Rum hath been once paid in any part of these Islands, on proof thereof made to the Collector or Collectors, such Rum shall not pay duty again.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Collector of each parish shall make an abatement of fifteen Gallons in every hundred Gallons on the gauge of every cask or vessel containing any Rum, on all such Rum sold and expended within these Islands, as an allowance for waste, and that no other allowance be made to any person, except in case of extraordinary accident, to be proved by oath to the satisfaction of the Collector of the Parish where such accident shall happen.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every person being an inhabitant of these Islands, shall pay, on or before the first day of *August* next, for each and every Negro or Slave he, she, or they shall, on the twentieth day of *June* next, have been in possession

possession of, or have had to him, her, or them belonging, the sum of One Shilling current money.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each and every owner or possessor of any Negro or other Slave or Slaves as aforesaid, shall, on or before the twentieth day of *June* next give in upon oath, if required, unto the Collector or Collectors of the monies arising by virtue of the Tax hereby imposed on Slaves, for the Parish where such person or persons shall reside, a list of each and every Negro Slave, he, she, or they shall then possess in any manner or capacity whatever, according to the best of his, her, or their knowledge, under the penalty of Five Shillings for each Slave whose name shall not be given in to such Collector or Collectors as hereby are appointed, to be recovered by the said Collector or Collectors; and such Collector or Collectors are hereby authorized and required to administer such oath without fee or reward.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each person shall bring, deliver, and pay, on or before the first day of *August* before-mentioned, the monies due for each Slave so given in to the Collector or Collectors. And that in case of the absence of any person, being an inhabitant of these Islands at the time when the monies arising by virtue of the Tax by this Law imposed on Slaves shall become due, that then the wife, or other person intrusted with the care of the effects of such absent person, be obliged to pay the monies due by virtue of the tax imposed on Slaves, out of the effects of such person so absent.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any person shall refuse or neglect to pay the monies due for the Slave or Slaves so by him, her, or them, given into the said respective Collector or Collectors at the time by this Act limited for the payment, such person so refusing or neglecting, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five Shillings current money for each and every Negro or Slave so given in, to be recovered by the said Collector or Collectors.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Slave or Slaves shall be at Sea at the time when the money arising by virtue of the Tax hereby imposed on Slaves shall be due, that the owner or possessor of such Slave or Slaves shall, nevertheless, give in the name and pay for such Slave or Slaves so at Sea, in like manner as if such Slave or Slaves was or were then within these Islands.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every person, inhabitant in these Islands, that shall have in his or her possession

tion any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, from the 20th day of *June* next to the twentieth day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, shall pay for every such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, to the Collector or Collectors hereafter appointed for that purpose, the sum of Six Shillings and Eight-pence current money of these Islands, always provided that it is the intention of this Act that no Horse, Mare, or Gelding shall pay Tax more than once during the continuance of this Act.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that when, and as often during the continuance of this Act as any Horses, Mares, or Geldings, or any or either of them, be imported into these Islands for sale, that the Master or Commander of such Vessel or Vessels wherein any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, any or either of them, be imported, shall immediately, on his arrival in these Islands, make oath, if required, a just and true report of the number of such Horses, Mares, and Geldings so by him imported, to the Treasurer of these Islands, and shall, on the sale or other disposal thereof, or any of them, within five days after such sale or other disposal so made by the said master, or any other person or persons for his account, pay unto the Treasurer aforesaid the sum of Forty Shillings current money for every Horse, Mare, or Gelding so by him imported into these Islands, and made sale or otherwise disposed of.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall refuse or delay to pay the said Impost on Horses, Mares, and Geldings, as prescribed in this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Justice of the Peace of each respective Parish, and such Justice is hereby authorised and directed, upon application to him made by the Collector of such Parish, immediately to issue at his Warrant, directed to the Constable or Constables of such Parish where the refuser or delayer shall dwell or reside, to levy the same by distress and sale of the refuser's or delayer's Goods and Chattels, as is usually done in cases of debt not exceeding Forty Shillings, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the following Persons be, and they are hereby appointed Collectors of the Excise on Rum, Tax on Slaves, Tax on Horses, Mares, and Geldings, by this Act imposed, that is to say,

In the Parish of Saint George Mr. THOMAS MILBOURNE.

In Hamilton Parish Mr. CHARLES PEARMAN.

In Smith's Parish Mr. CHARLES WEBB.

In Devonshire Parish Mr. DAVID TYNES.

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In Pembroke Parish WILLIAM MITCHELL.

In Paget's Parish Mr. JOHN STIRLING.

In Warwick Parish Mr. ZACCHEUS DARRELL.

In Southampton Parish WILLIAM LEAYCRAFT, Esquire.

In Sandy's Parish Mr. JAMES BURROWS.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Justices of the Peace of the respective Parishes in these Islands shall within twenty days after the publication of this Act respectively call before them the Collectors of the said Excise and Taxes herein before nominated for the several Parishes, acquaint them with their Appointment to the Collection of the said Excise and Taxes, and require them at the same time to take respectively an Oath of Office, which the said Justices are hereby directed to administer to the said Collectors severally in the words following, to wit,

"I *A. B.* being appointed by an Act of the General Assembly, intitled, "An Act to supply the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, intitled, An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands," Collector of the Excise on all Rum that shall or may be expended, sold, or retailed during the continuance of the said Act within — Parish, in these Islands, and also of a Tax on every Slave, Horse, Mare, or Gelding belonging to the Inhabitants of the said Parish, do solemnly swear that I will, to the utmost of my Power and Ability, faithfully and impartially discharge the Trust reposed in me by the said Act, and keep a just and true Account of all Monies that I shall receive by virtue of the same, which said Monies and the Account thereof will pay and deliver into the Hands of the Treasurer of these Islands in such manner as is by the said Act directed. So help me GOD."

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Collectors for the several Parishes of these Islands shall receive for their respective Services at and after the rate of Ten Pounds for every Hundred Pounds which he shall pay into the hands of the said Treasurer arising from the Duty on Rum by him collected, and Five Pounds for every Hundred Pounds which he shall in like manner pay into the hands of the said Treasurer, arising from the Taxes hereby imposed on Slaves, Horses, Mares, or Geldings.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each and every Collector herein before nominated, shall every three months during the continuance of his Office, and if sooner ended then at the expiration thereof, pay into the hands of the said Treasurer all monies he shall have received from the Duties on Rum imposed by this Act, first deducting his or their Commissions, and within Ten days after the expiration of his Office, render unto the said Treasurer

Treasurer, upon oath, a just and true Account of all such monies as
 or they shall have received and from whom, by virtue of this
 act; and also that the said Collectors shall severally, on or before the
 first day of *September* next pay and deliver into the hands of the said
 Treasurer all Monies they shall have received from the Taxes hereby
 imposed on Slaves, Horses, Mares, and Geldings, first deducting
 their Commissions, together with a list of the names of the several
 persons from whom such Taxes on Slaves, Horses, Mares, and
 Gelding's shall have been so collected. And in case any such Col-
 lector shall neglect or refuse so to do, he shall forfeit and pay for
 every such offence the sum of One Hundred Pounds current money,
 to be recovered by the said Treasurer in any Court of Record in
 these Islands, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin,
 Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any
 Collector shall refuse, neglect, or delay to take the Oath herein pre-
 scribed, and proceed in the execution of his Office, as is by this
 Law directed, he so refusing, neglecting, or delaying, shall forfeit
 and pay the sum of Ten Pounds current money, to be recovered by
 the Treasurer in any Court of Record in these Islands, wherein no
 Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed; and in order
 that a prosecution may be forthwith commenced against every such
 refuser, neglecter, or delayer, be it also enacted that the Justice or
 Justices of the Parish where such Collector so refusing, neglecting,
 or delaying, shall reside, shall give immediate notice of such refusal,
 neglect, or delay, to the Treasurer of these Islands, in order that a
 prosecution may be forthwith commenced against every such re-
 fuser, neglecter, or delayer.

AND be it further enacted by Authority aforesaid, that as often
 as it shall happen that either of the said Collectors shall be rendered
 incapable of holding his Office, by death or otherwise, that then it
 shall and may be lawful for the Commander in Chief for the time
 being, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, to fill up
 such vacancy, and every person so nominated and appointed by the
 Governor and Council, shall be subject to the like restrictions and pe-
 nalties as are imposed on the Collectors herein nominated.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all
 Vessels or such Parts of Vessels as shall belong to the Inhabitants of
 these Islands, shall pay from the twentieth day of *June* next to the
 twentieth day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred and eighty-five, at the rate of Eight-Pence current money
 for each Ton so owned by the Inhabitants of these Islands.

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AND for ascertaining the Number of Tons of each Vessel be further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Master, Owner or some other person, shall make oath before the Receiver of the Tonnage, for the time being, in the words following, to wit,

“ I *A. B.* do swear that the Sloop or Vessel, called _____ whereof _____ is or was late Master or Commander, does not exceed _____ Feet _____ Inches length by the Keel, and does not exceed in the utmost Breadth _____ Feet and _____ Inches by the Beam, and does not exceed in the Depth of Hold _____ Feet and _____ Inches, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God, Which said oath the said Receiver is hereby impowered and directed to administer gratis to every person obliged by this Act, and the length of Keel and breadth of Beam and depth of Hold shall be multiplied one by the other, and the product of the whole shall be divided by ninety-four, and the quotient arising therefrom shall be deemed the Tonnage of the said Vessel; and in case no person will swear to the dimensions of a Vessel, then the said Receiver shall go on board, or empower some person to go on board and measure such Vessel in manner following, that is to say, from the inside of the Transom to the inside of the Stem Lining above the Deck, three fourths of which shall be esteemed the length of Keel of such Vessel, and the utmost breadth from inside to inside of the Plank on the main Deck, the one half of which shall be taken for the depth of Hold; and in case of two Decks, the one half of the depth between Decks to be added to the depth of Hold; and that such Receiver shall be allowed the sum of Ten Shillings for measuring any Vessel,

AND for the better directing in what manner the said Tonnage shall be paid, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Vessels that shall clear at the Secretary's Office of these Islands during the continuance of this Act, shall pay unto the Receiver for the time being one full Tonnage of such Vessel in manner as before-directed, which shall be deemed a full payment of the Tonnage intended by this Law.

AND whereas it may so happen that divers Inhabitants of these Islands may have Vessels or Parts of Vessels that remain abroad during the continuance of this Act, so that thereby the Payment of Tonnage by this Law imposed may be evaded; and whereas an equality in the burthen of this Taxation is to be provided for, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each and every Owner and Part Owner of Vessels, Inhabitant or Inhabitants of these Islands (although such Vessels may be Abroad during the continuance of this Act, so as not to become at as Vessels clearing at the Secretary's Office

Office of these Islands) shall be, and hereby are obliged to pay unto the said Receiver, on or before the twentieth day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five. the respective Tonnage due for each Vessels, and Part or Parts of Vessels Abroad.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that as much as may be to enforce the due payment of the Tonnage for each absent Vessels, it shall and may be lawful for the Receiver to have recourse to the Office of the Collector of the Customs of these Islands, there to be informed of the Owners and part Owners of Vessels in these Islands, which said Collector is hereby desired to inform the Receiver in the best manner, to enable him to obtain the said Tonnage Duty.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Receiver is hereby empowered to call before him such Owner or part Owners of Vessels, and to give him, her, or them, an oath, for the better proving such property in any Vessel or Vessels; and that if such Owners of Vessels or Parts of Vessels, either at Home or Abroad, shall refuse, neglect, or delay accounting to the said Receiver and paying the Tonnage Duty due by this Act, that then each person so refusing, neglecting, or delaying, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Pounds current money, upon conviction, before any two Justices of the Peace in these Islands, which said forfeiture, as also the said Tonnage Duty, shall be recovered by the said Receiver.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case the number of Tons of such Vessel or Vessels so Abroad, and to be paid for in manner as aforesaid, cannot be ascertained to the satisfaction of the Receiver aforesaid, that then such Owner or part Owner shall be obliged to prove, by proper evidence on oath, or make oath himself or herself in manner as in the former part of this Act is directed in cases where Vessels clear at the Secretary's Office, to the dimensions of such Vessel or Vessels, and in case of refusal, that then it shall and may be lawful for the Receiver to make application to the Justice of the Peace where such refuser or refusers shall dwell or reside, for his warrant to call before him the said Justice such refuser or refusers, and that then with all convenient speed the said Justice shall call to his assistance the next neighbouring Justice, and they shall hear, finally end and determine the complaint of the said Receiver; and in case that it shall appear to them that the information and proof given to the said Receiver of the dimensions of any Vessel was not proper and satisfactory, or that oath as the last resort

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was refused to be made as aforesaid, that then such refuser shall forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Pounds current money.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Public Treasurer for the time being, be, and he is hereby declared to be the Receiver of the Tonnage Duty imposed by this Act, and that no Vessel during the continuance thereof, shall be permitted to clear at the Secretary's Office in these Islands, until the Master of such Vessel shall have first paid to the said Treasurer the said Tonnage Duty according to the directions of this Act; and that if the Secretary for the time being shall clear such Vessel before payment shall be made of the Tonnage Duty aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Pounds current money.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every person holding a Billiard Table within these Islands from the twentieth day of *June* next to the twentieth day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, for the purpose of letting the same, shall pay, or cause to be paid into the hands of the Public Treasurer, on or before the first day of *September* next the sum of Five Pounds on the payment of which sum the person so holding a Billiard Table as aforesaid, shall receive from the said Treasurer a Certificate of such payment, which shall be considered as a full Licence for the holding such Billiard Table during the continuance of this Act.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every person holding a Billiard Table as aforesaid, who shall neglect, refuse, or delay to pay the Public Treasurer the Tax hereby imposed on Billiard Tables, and in the manner herein prescribed, shall forfeit and pay for such offence the sum of Ten Pounds.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the twentieth day of *June* next, until the twentieth day of *June* in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, there be a Duty of Two Pounds Ten Shillings in every Hundred Pounds on all Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, and Effects sold at Auction within these Islands (those sold by execution or belonging to insolvent Estates only excepted).

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every person who shall, during the continuance of this Act, enter on the sale of any Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, or Effects, subject to the Payment of the Tax hereby imposed, shall, previous thereto, give unto the Public Treasurer good and sufficient security

security that the Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels and Effects that shall be by him or her sold at Auction, shall be reported to the said Treasurer within thirty days after sale, and that the Tax imposed by this Act shall be by him thereupon regularly paid to the said Treasurer, agreeable to the prescription hereof out of the proceeds of such sale, One and One Quarter *per cent.* being first deducted as a compensation to the Auctioneer for collecting and paying in the same.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any person presuming to enter on the sale of Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, or Effects at Auction, subject to the Tax imposed by this Act, without having previously given the security above-mentioned, shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay the full value of the Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, or Effects so sold, to be ascertained in any manner satisfactory to the Court where such offence shall be cognizable.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Justices of the Peace in these Islands be authorised and empowered, and they are hereby declared to be fully authorised and empowered to hear and determine, as in actions of debt not exceeding Forty shillings, any suit or complaint respecting the collection of the Taxes and Duties by this Law imposed, and also respecting all fines and forfeitures whatever not herein before particularly declared to be recoverable in a Court of Record, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Monies arising by virtue of this Act, whether by fine, forfeiture, or otherwise, not herein before particularly appropriated, be to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for and towards supplying the deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, intituled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands."

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the following Sums of Money, now remaining in the Hands of the public Treasurer, to wit, Thirty-seven pounds one shilling and three farthings, being the ballance of the Three-penny Fund; forty-eight pounds fifteen shillings, the ballance of the Road Fund; eight pounds nineteen shillings and ten-pence, the ballance of the Flats Bridge Fund; fifty-nine pounds seventeen shillings, the ballance of the old Excise and Tonnage Fund, and sixteen shillings and three-pence, the ballance of the Licence Fund, amounting. in the whole,

whole, to the Sum of one hundred and fifty-five pounds nine shillings and one penny three farthings current money, be carried to the credit of the Fund established by an Act, intitled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands."

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 28th Day of May 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 28th Day of May, 1784.

JOHN HARVEY, *President*.

ASSENTED to this 28th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.



BERMUDA.

An ACT for regulating the Pilotage of these Islands, and for giving an Ease and Convenience to certain Commercial Transactions.



HEREAS many Inconveniencies have been de- Preamble:
rived to the Inhabitants of these Islands, from the want of a due Regulation of the Pilotage thereof, whereon the Ease and Security of Trade and Commerce, so essential to the Prosperity of these Islands do in a particular manner depend, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and

royal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Commander in Chief of these Islands for the Time being, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to appoint one fit and proper Person to be Master, and three or more fit and proper Persons to be Wardens of the Port of Saint George, who shall be called by the Name of the Master and Wardens of the Port of Saint George; and a like Number of Master and Wardens for the Port of Ely's Harbour, at the West End of these Islands, who shall be called by the Name of the Master and Wardens of the Port of Ely's Harbour; and also a like Number of Master and Wardens for the Port of Crow Lane, or the central Part of these Islands, who shall be called by the Name of the Master and Wardens of the Port of Crow Lane.

A Master and three or more Wardens to be appointed for the Port of Saint George; a like Number for the Port of Ely's Harbour; and a like Number for the Port of Crow Lane.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Masters and Wardens to be appointed under this Act, be, and they, or

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Master and any three or more of them, of whom the Master is to be one, are hereby declared to be authorised and empowered, after due examination by them had, to licence for their respective Ports one or more Branch Pilots, which said Branch Pilots shall have power to substitute one or more Deputy or Deputies under each of them; and that if any Person not so licenced shall pilot any Ship or Vessel going into or out of any Port of these Islands where a Branch Pilot or Deputy Pilot shall offer his Service, such Person shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings current Money, together with any Pilotage he might have received, or otherwise have bargained for, or been entitled to.

Master and Wardens authorised to licence for their respective Ports Branch Pilots, with Power to substitute Deputies under them.

Penalty on Persons presuming to pilot without licence.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Branch Pilot or his Deputy shall neglect or refuse to give all the Aid and Assistance in his Power to any Ship or other Vessel appearing in distress on the Coast, or in want of a Pilot, such Branch Pilot or Deputy shall forfeit his respective Branch or Deputation, or be fined by the Master and Wardens aforesaid, or any three or more of them (of whom the Master shall be one) a Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds current Money, nor less than the Sum of Three Pounds like Money.

Penalty on Pilots neglecting to assist Vessels in distress.

Pilots to be paid for any extraordinary Assistance afforded to Vessels in distress;

AND in order to give the greater Encouragement to any Pilot who may be active in rendering all the Aid and Assistance possible to any Ship or Vessel that may appear to be either in distress or in want of a Pilot, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Master or Owner of every such Ship or Vessel so in distress, or in want of a Pilot as aforesaid, shall be obliged to pay the Pilot or Deputy Pilot who may afford any extraordinary Aid or Assistance, such Sum of Money as such Pilot or Deputy Pilot may reasonably deserve therefor. And in case of disagreement, the said Master and Wardens, or any three or more of them (whereof the Master shall be one) are hereby authorised and empowered to fix and ascertain the Sum which such Pilot or Deputy may deserve.

In Cases of Disagreement, the Sum to be ascertained by the Master and Wardens of the Port.

Recognizance to be entered into by Branch and Deputy Pilots.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Branch and Deputy Pilots to be licenced under this Act (or the Owner or Possessor of any Deputy Pilot who may be a Slave) shall before they take upon themselves the execution of such Office, respectively enter into Recognizance before such Master and Wardens, or any three or more of them (of whom the said Master shall be one) with two sufficient Sureties, to be approved by such Master and Wardens in the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds current Money, with Condition that such Pilot or Deputy shall, in all things, diligently and faithfully perform the Trust reposed in him by this Act,

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agreeable to the Orders and Directions that may be given him by Condition
the Master and Wardens aforeaid, or any three or more of them,
which Recognizance may, at the instance of any Person or Persons
aggrieved, be put in Suit, and recovered before the said Master and
Wardens. Provided always, that if the defaulting Pilot or Deputy ^{Proviso}
shall pay to the Party aggrieved such Damages as shall be assessed by
the said Master and Wardens, or any three or more of them (of
whom the Master shall be one) then, and in such Cases, no further
proceedings shall be had in such Suit, but the same shall cease and
be discontinued; and that in all Cases the Penalty of such Recogn-
izance shall be considered as a Security only for such Sum as shall
be assessed as aforeaid by the Master and Wardens, for each and
every Neglect or Mifeasance of such Pilot or Deputy.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforeaid, that it ^{Rates of Pi-}
shall and may be lawful for the Pilots, to be licenced under this ^{lotage for}
Act, to have and receive for every Vessel belonging to the Inhabi- ^{Vessels be-}
tants of these Islands, that may draw Eight Feet Water or under ^{longing to}
the Sum of Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence current Money, and ^{Inhabitants;}
for every Vessel drawing upwards of Eight Feet Water the further
Sum of Three Shillings and Four-pence for every Foot above Eight
feet aforeaid, for each and every Time that any Vessel shall be
brought into or carried out of any Harbour or Port in these Islands;
and for every Vessel belonging to a Non-Inhabitant that shall draw ^{for Vessels}
Eight Feet Water, or under, the Sum of Sixteen Shillings and ^{belonging to}
Eight-pence current Money, but if such last-mentioned Vessel doth ^{Non-Inha-}
draw upwards of Eight Feet Water, the further Sum of Five Shil- ^{bitants.}
lings for every Foot above eight feet aforeaid, always provided,
that any square-rigged Vessel, whether belonging to an Inhabitant, ^{Square-rig-}
Non-Inhabitant, do pay One Fourth Part more Pilotage than ^{ged Vessels}
Vessels are herein before subjected to the payment of; also always ^{to pay more.}
provided that the Pilotage of any Vessel from one Port to another,
these Islands, be no more than One Half Part of what the Pi- ^{Half Pilot-}
tage from or to Sea would have been, and that no Pilot be autho- ^{age allowed}
rized to demand Pilotage for the conducting of a Vessel from one ^{for conduct-}
Port to another in these Islands, unless positively requested to take ^{ing Vessels}
the Charge of such Vessel, which every Pilot or Deputy Pilot is ^{from one}
thereby declared to be obliged to do, when called upon. And that ^{Port to ano-}
Boat or Vessel employed in the Fishing or Coasting Business, be ^{ther.}
necessitated to receive a Pilot. ^{No Fishing}
^{or Coasting}
^{Vessel oblig-}
^{ed to take a}
^{Pilot.}

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforeaid, that every ^{Branch Pilot}
Branch Pilot to be licenced under this Act, shall, during his con- ^{to be fur-}
tinuance in Office, be provided with a good Boat of such Size and ^{nished with}
dimensions as shall be to the good liking and approbation of the ^{a good Boat,}
Master

Master and Wardens of the Port to which such Pilot may belong
 and in default thereof, or in case any Branch Pilot shall directly
 otherwise to forfeit his Branch; indirectly be concerned or interested in the Boat, Profits, or Earn-
 also if con- ings of any other Branch Pilot, such Branch Pilot so offending
 cerned in the Boat, &c. of shall forfeit his Branch, and be immediately dismissed from the Of-
 any other fice of Branch Pilot, by the Master and Wardens aforesaid, or an-
 Branch Pilot to forfeit his Branch. three or more of them (of whom the Master shall be one.)

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that
 shall and may be lawful for every Pilot to ask, demand, and receive
 of the Owner or Master of any Vessel Three Shillings and Four-
 pence current Money for every Day that such Pilot shall be re-
 quired to remain and abide on Board any Vessel while waiting for
 fair Wind. And that in case any Pilot or Deputy Pilot shall
 through stress of Weather, or by the Default of the Master
 Commander of any Vessel be carried off these Islands, such Pil-
 or Deputy Pilot shall be authorised to demand and receive from the
 Master, Commander, or Owner of such Vessel, over and above his
 Pilot Fees, the like Monthly Wages as the Mate of such Vessel
 might be entitled unto for all the Time that such Pilot or Deputy
 Pilot may be absent from the Islands of Bermuda. Provided always that
 such Pilot or Deputy Pilot shall, if thereto requested, perform on
 Board such Vessel the Work and Labour of a Seaman, as is usual
 in such Cases. And also provided that such Pilot or Deputy Pil-
 ot do take the most prudent Steps to return as expeditiously
 may be to these Islands.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that
 shall and may be lawful for any Pilot or Deputy Pilot, who shall
 take charge of any Vessel not belonging to an Inhabitant, or who
 Owner or Ship's Husband shall not reside in these Islands, to de-
 mand Payment or Security for his Pilot Fees before such Vessel
 shall break Ground. Provided always that if such Pilot or De-
 puty Pilot, shall fail doing his Duty, either the Monies by him
 received, shall be repaid, or the Security given therefor become void.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that
 Branch and Deputy Pilots officiating at the West End of the
 Islands, be obliged to attend upon and meet any and every Vessel
 about to come into these Islands, over the Bar, otherwise than
 Fisherman or any other Person who shall go on Board such Vessel
 and conduct the same over the Bar, previous to the attendance of
 Pilot or Deputy, shall have and receive such Part or Proportion
 the Pilotage payable for such Vessel as shall be adjudged by the
 Master.

Master and Wardens, or any two of them, of the Port to which such Branch or Deputy Pilot may belong.

AND in order to give the greater Ease and Security to Trade and Commerce, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the several Masters and Wardens to be appointed under this Act, or any two or more of them, be, and they are hereby declared to be authorised and empowered to survey all damaged Goods imported into these Islands; and also, with the Assistance of one or more able Carpenter or Carpenters to be nominated by such Master and Wardens, to survey any Vessel, Masts, Sails, Yards, Boat, Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, or either of them, that may be deemed, considered, or apprehended to be unfit to proceed to Sea, and to certify the State and Condition of such Vessel or Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, or Appurtenances, of a Vessel, under their Hands and Seals, for which Certificate no larger Sum shall be demanded or received than Eight Shillings current Money, an Entry of such Survey being previously made in a Book to be kept by such Master and Wardens for this Purpose; and that such Master and Wardens be each allowed for such Service Ten Shillings current Money for every Day; and such Carpenter at the Rate of Ten Shillings like current Money. It being expressly declared and ordained, that no Survey hereafter to be made, during the continuance of this Act, on any Goods or Vessels, in a manner different from that herein prescribed and directed, shall be good or valid.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Master or Wardens, during the continuance of his Office, shall, directly or indirectly, be interested or concerned in any Pilot Boat whatever. And that the said Master and Wardens, previous to their entry into Office, shall severally take an Oath before the Chief or one of the Assistant Judges of the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Assize, at the Islands of Bermuda, in the Words following, that is to say,

" I A. B. do solemnly swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that I will well, truly, and impartially execute, to the best of my Knowledge and Abilities, the Powers vested in me by the Act, entitled, ' An Act for Regulating the Pilotage of these Islands, and for giving an Ease and Convenience to certain Commercial Transactions.' So help me God."

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that to prevent Fraud or improper Management in the Sale of damaged

Masters and Wardens authorised to survey damaged Goods;

and with the Assistance of Carpenters, to survey Vessels, &c.

and to certify the State and Condition of them;

to receive for such Certificate. Entries to be made of all Surveys in a Book.

Masters and Wardens to be allowed 10s. per Day.

Carpenters also 10s. per Day.

No Surveys to be deemed good but such as are made agreeably to the Prescription of this Act.

No Master or Warden to be concerned in any Pilot Boat.

Oath to be taken by Master and Wardens.

Form of the Oath.

Directions how to proceed with respect to damaged Goods.

No Cask, Bale, &c. to be removed from its Birth.

The State thereof to be certified by the Master and Wardens

If removed from its Birth, the Damage to be deemed to have arisen from the Neglect of the Mariners.

Damaged Goods, how to be removed, and disposed of.

Information to be given to the Master and Wardens of the Cost of such Goods, and to be made known.

Auctioneer to put down the Marks and Number of all Barrels, Bales, &c.

Masters and Wardens to receive $2\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. on gross Sales.

Goods, when as often as in the unloading or discharge of the Cargo of any Ship or Vessel arriving into these Islands, it shall be discovered that any Hogshead, Cask, Barrel, Bale, Trunk, Bundle, or other Package, containing Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, of any Sort, Kind, and Denomination whatever, is either damaged, or suspected to be damaged, the Master, or other Officer having the command or care of such Vessel, shall, by no Means, permit or suffer such suspected Hogshead, Cask, Barrel, Bale, Trunk, Bundle, or other Package, to be removed or taken from the Birth or Place in which the same was originally stowed or put, until the same shall be surveyed by two or more of the Master and Wardens of the Port where such Vessel may lay or be, or the next Port, who shall certify the true State of such Hogshead, Cask, Barrel, Bale, Trunk, Bundle, or other Package, and the Cause of its having sustained Damage; and in case any Hogshead, Cask, Barrel, Bale, Trunk, Bundle, or other Package, shall be removed from its Birth prior to such Survey, the Damage sustained by the same shall be deemed and considered to have arisen from the Ignorance, Negligence, or Misfeasance of the Mariners and Crew of such Vessel; and that whenever the Master and Wardens aforesaid, or any two or more of them shall have surveyed any Hogshead, Cask, Barrel, Trunk, Bale, Bundle, or other Package, and found the same to have received Damage, it shall and may be lawful for such Master and Wardens to order the same to be removed to such convenient Warehouse, Store, or Place as they shall see fit, and having separated the sound from the damaged Goods contained in such Hogshead, Cask, Barrel, Bale, Trunk, Bundle, or other Package, to cause the latter to be advertised for sale at Public Auction, Twenty-four Hours Notice at least of the precise Time and Place of such Sale being first publicly given, and at the Hour appointed to cause the same to be sold by Public Outcry, either wholly or in Parcels, as to them shall seem most likely to benefit the Owners. Previous to which Sale it shall and may be lawful for such Master and Wardens so having the Direction of such Sale, to demand and receive from the Consignee or other Person having the Direction of such damaged Goods, full and complete Information of the Cost of such Goods, by the Inspection of the original Invoice, if any, or otherwise in the best possible manner, and to make the same known to the Persons attending such Sale; and that in the Sales of such Goods care be taken by the Auctioneer to put down the Mark and Number of the Hogshead, Cask, Barrel, Bale, Trunk, Bundle, or other Package, containing such Goods, and the precise Quantities of the same, as nearly as may be. For which Services the Master and Wardens superintending such Sale, shall be entitled to a Compensation of Two and an Half per Cent.

the gross Sales, over and above the Fees due to the Auctioneer, and every other reasonable Charge attendant on such Sale.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Masters and Wardens to be appointed under this Act, shall be, and they, or any three or more of them (of whom the Master shall be one) are hereby authorised and empowered to make such and so many Bye-Laws or other Regulations, for the better conducting the Pilotage as to them shall seem meet, and to inflict Punishment on the Violators and Transgressors thereof, by Fine or Imprisonment, provided always that all such Bye-Laws and Ordinances be first laid before the Legislature at the next Session for Ratification and Approval, by Vote, Resolve, or Act, as shall be deemed fit and proper.

Masters and Wardens authorised to make Bye-Laws and other Regulations concerning Pilotage, and to inflict Punishments. Proviso.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the several and respective Bodies of Masters and Wardens to be appointed under this Act, shall be obliged to keep fit Books for the recording of all or any Transactions by them had, touching, or in any manner relating to the several Matters committed to their Cognizance, to which any Person may, at any convenient Time, have recourse. And for this Purpose that such Master and Wardens respectively be authorised and empowered to nominate and appoint, out of their own Bodies or otherwise, a Clerk for the entering down in such Books a just, true, and full Minute of all Things by them done and performed; and such Clerk, at their Pleasure, to displace and remove from Office, and to nominate another in his Place and stead. And that such Clerk do for every Certificate by him to be given and granted receive a Fee of Three Shillings and Four-pence current Money. And also that the several Bodies of Masters and Wardens do respectively meet on the first Monday in every Month, in some Room to be by them hired at the Expence of the Public, and provided for as other Charges of Government, as an Office or place of doing the Business required of them by this Act; and that each and every of the said Masters and Wardens shall be empowered to call an occasional Meeting whenever the Nature of the Business required to be done shall render it necessary.

Masters and Wardens to keep Books for the recording of all Transactions.

to appoint Clerks,

with Authority to displace them. Clerk to receive 3s. 4d. for a Certificate. Masters and Wardens to meet on the first Monday in every Month,

with Power to call occasional Meetings when necessary.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Masters and Wardens aforesaid do respectively furnish the several Pilots and Deputy Pilots belonging to their respective Ports, with full Instructions, either Printed or in Writing, under the Hands and Seals of the Master and three Wardens at least, which Instructions shall be produced and shewn by such Pilot or Deputy Pilot on his coming on Board any Vessel, or in default thereof, that the Master

Pilots to be furnished with Instructions under the Hands and Seals of the Masters and Wardens which are to be produced Or by the Pilot,

or the Master of any Vessel at liberty to reject him.

or Commander of such Vessel be at liberty to receive or reject such Pilot at pleasure.

AND in order the more effectually to prevent Irregularities being committed by Boats repairing on Board stranded Vessels, taking Goods and Materials from thence, and not properly accounting therefor, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that on Application from any Person residing in any Parish or Port of these Islands, it shall and may be lawful to the Masters and Wardens

Boats to be numbered by the Masters and Wardens;

be appointed in consequence of this Act, to cause to be cut on the middle of the fore Part of the Transom of any Boat, so as to be the more readily seen, the Number of such Boat, and the like Number to be painted on some conspicuous Part of such of her Sails as are most usually worn, with the addition of the Letters S G for Saint George's, C for Crow Lane, and E for Ely's Harbour; and to keep a Register thereof, together with the Name of the Owner of such Boat, and of the Time of her being marked and numbered as above, for which the Sum of Six Shillings and Eight-pence shall be paid to the Master and Wardens affixing the

a Register thereof to be kept,

The Person registered as Owner of a Boat, to be accountable for the Conduct of all those who may be employed in such Boat. Provided

same. And that the Person who shall be registered as Owner of any Boat, shall be accountable for the Conduct and Behaviour of any and every Person who may be employed in such Boat, in working on, or saving any Goods or Materials from any stranded Vessel or Vessels in distress, during the Time that such Boat shall continue to be registered in his or her Name. Provided always that if the Owner of such Boat shall disavow the Conduct of the Person who shall have had the Command and Direction of his or her Boat, and give all the Aid, Assistance, and Information in his or her Power, to bring the Person or Persons who had the command of his or her Boat to Justice, for any Fraud or Irregularity committed or done by the Persons in such Boat, such Owner shall not be considered to be further accountable for such Fraud or Irregularity.

Penalty of Ten Pounds for affixing, or suffering to be affixed, any Mark or Number in imitation of those affixed by the Master and Wardens.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whoever shall affix, or suffer to be affixed to his own Boat, or that of any other Person, a Mark and Number, in imitation of those directed by this Act to be affixed by the Master and Wardens aforesaid, or shall alter or cause to be altered any mark already fixed aforesaid to his own Boat or that of any other, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds current Money, to be recovered before such Masters and Wardens, by whoever will sue for the same.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Master of any Boat employed in the saving or bringing on Shore

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Goods whatever from a stranded or distressed Vessel, shall report, or cause the same to be reported to the Master and Wardens appointed by this Act, or some one of them, or such Person or Persons as shall be appointed for the Purpose by the Captain or Owner of such Vessel within Twenty-four Hours after such Goods shall be put on Shore, otherwise the Goods thus saved shall be considered as intended to be concealed, and the Person saving them entitled to no Salvage whatever, but liable to all Pains and Penalties was heretofore subjected to by Law.

All Goods saved from any stranded or distressed Vessel to be reported to the Master and Wardens, or such Person as shall be appointed by the Master or Owner of such Vessel within 24 Hours. otherwise to be considered as intended to be concealed, &c. Allowance to be made to Boats employed in saving the Passengers and Crew of any stranded Vessel.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Magistrates employed in settling the Salvage due from Goods and Materials saved from any stranded Ship or Vessel to make such an Allowance to Boats employed in saving the Lives and bringing ashore the Crew or Passengers of such Vessel, as shall be adequate to the Services rendered, in which they are to be guided by the Salvage allowed for Goods saved from the same Vessel, and on the same Day.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in the foregoing Instructions of the Master and Wardens of St. George's, New Lane, or Ely's Harbour, to the Pilots or Deputy Pilots under their respective Direction, it be recommended to every Captain or Person in Command of any Ship or Vessel in distress, or otherwise, to be cautious in employing in the Service of his Vessel any Boat that shall not be marked and numbered in the Manner herein before prescribed.

Masters of Vessels in distress to be cautioned by the Pilots against employing any Boat not marked and numbered.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the same and Sums of Money, Fines and Forfeitures herein before directed to be recovered by or before the Master and Wardens aforesaid, be recovered in a summary Way, and levied in consequence of their Warrant, to be directed to any Constable or Constables, who are and are hereby declared to be authorized and obliged to execute such Warrant; and that such Fines and Forfeitures be applied to the Purpose of raising a Fund to be appropriated by the said Masters and Wardens to the Purpose of supporting superannuated and infirm Pilots or Deputy Pilots, or their Widows and Children, subject, nevertheless, to the inspection of the Legislature, or either Branch thereof, when thereto required.

Method of recovering Fines and Forfeitures, and application of them,

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this Act be and continue in force for the Space of Five Years from the Publication hereof, and then to determine and expire.

Continuation of the Act.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 30th Day of April 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council in Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, Speaker

CONCURRED to by the Council this 15th Day of May, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, President.

ASSENTED to this 27th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE


PUBLISHED on the Parade, in St. George's, the 29th Day of May, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL



BERMUDA.

An ACT for an Addition to and Amend-
ment of an Act, intituled “ An Act im-
“ powering the JUSTICES of the PEACE to
“ hear and determine any Debt or Difference
“ not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shil-
“ lings.”

 HEREAS the Fees allowed by the said Act, in- Preamble:
titled “ An Act empowering the Justices of the
“ Peace to hear and determine any Debt or Dif-
“ ference not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shil-
“ lings,” to the Justices of the Peace and Con-
stables have been found, by Experience, to be by
no Means equal to the Services by them render-

; In order, therefore, to remedy this Inconvenience, We your
Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of
these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most
humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it
enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and
is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same,
that from and after the 1st Day of *June* next ensuing the Publica-
tion of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Magistrate in
these Islands, to have, take, and receive the following Fees, to wit,

for every written Information or Complaint the Sum of One Shil-
ling and Four-pence; for every Warrant or Summons the Sum of
Two Shillings; for every Hearing the Sum of Two Shillings; for
every Affidavit or Deposition the Sum of Five Shillings; for every
recognizance the Sum of Five Shillings and Four-pence; for every
execution or Warrant of Distress the Sum of Two Shillings and
Eight-Pence; for every Mittimus the Sum of Six Shillings and

Fees to Ma-
gistrates.

Fees to Con-
stables.

Eight-pence. And that it shall in like Manner be lawful for each and every Constable to demand, have, and receive the following Fees, to wit, for serving a Warrant or Summons the Sum of Two Shillings; and every Execution or Warrant of Distress the Sum of Two Shillings, over and above Six-pence in the Pound on the Sum levied for.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 28th Day of April 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 15th Day of May, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, President.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

PUBLISHED on the Parade, in St. George's,
the 31st Day of May, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL.



B E R M U D A.

an ACT for the more effectual Prevention
of Damage from Persons passing over any
Wall, Ditch, Hedge, or other Inclosure.

WHEREAS many Inconveniencies have arisen Preamble.

to Landholders, who have been at considerable Expence to inclose their Land from Persons passing over their Inclosures, by which the End proposed in making them, is, in a great Measure, defeated, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General

Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same,

that if any Person shall climb over or otherwise pass any Wall, fence, Hedge, Ditch, or Gate of any Inclosure through which no Road is established in the manner by Law directed, or shall be found withing such Inclosure, he, she, or they, so offending, shall, upon Proof being made thereof before any one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay the Sum of Two Shillings and Eight-pence, for every such Offence, over and above any

Any Person
who shall
climb over
any Wall,
Fence, &c.
or be found
within any
Inclosure,
shall forfeit
2s. 8d.

Penalty heretofore imposed on Persons committing Trespasses ; and

in case of refusal to pay the same, it shall be lawful for the Justice, by his Warrant, to cause the same to be levied or distrained

To be levied
on Refusers
Goods.

or on the Goods and Chattels of such Offender; and that such

Penalty (the Costs of prosecuting being first deducted) be paid into

the Hands of the Church-wardens of the Parish where the Offence

and paid to
the Church-
wardens of
the Parish.

shall be committed, to be applied to the Purpose of defraying the

Incident Charges of such Parish.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Proprietor of any Slave offending against this Act, shall be accountable for

**The Owner
of any Ne-
gro liable**

for any Trespass committed by him. for such Trespass as if such Proprietor had committed the same, and be liable to the like Penalty and Forfeiture.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this Act shall continue in force from the first Day of *June* next to the first Day of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six; and so to the End of the next Session of Assembly, and then to determine and expire.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 17th Day of *April* 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 29th Day of *April*, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, *President*.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of *May*, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.


PUBLISHED on the Parade, in St. George's,
the 29th Day of *May*, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL.



BERMUDA.

an ACT to renew, alter, and amend an Act, intitled “ An Act to prevent the Damages and Inconveniencies arising to the several Inhabitants of these Islands by the straying of Cattle, and for the erecting of Pounds in the several Parishes of these Islands ;” and also one other Act, intitled “ An Act for an Addition to, and prolonging an Act to prevent the Damages and Inconveniencies arising to the several Inhabitants of these Islands by the straying of Cattle, and for the erecting of Pounds in the several Parishes of these Islands.”

 HEREAS the said Act, intitled “ An Act to prevent the Damages and Inconveniencies arising to the several Inhabitants of these Islands by the straying of Cattle, and for the erecting of Pounds in the several Parishes of these Islands,” was made and passed the seventeenth Day of *July*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-two, and was to continue in force for and during the Term of two Years from the passing thereof, and from thence the End of the next Session of Assembly,—And whereas the said Act, intitled “ An Act for an Addition to and prolonging an Act, intitled “ An Act to prevent the Damages and Inconveniencies arising to the several Inhabitants of these Islands by the straying of Cattle, and for the erecting of Pounds in the several Parishes of these Islands,” was made and passed the twenty-fifth Day of *February*,

Recital of
the Titles of
two former
Acts.

February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four, and to continue in force for the Term of twenty Years, and then to determine and expire. And whereas the said Acts, although generally allowed to have been productive of Benefit and Advantage to the Inhabitants of these Islands have been permitted to expire,

WE, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Some Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the said Act, intituled "An Act to prevent the Damages and Inconveniencies arising to the several Inhabitants of these Islands by the straying of Cattle, and for the erecting of Pounds in the several Parishes of these Islands;" and the Act, intituled "An Act for an Addition to and prolonging of the Act, intituled "An Act to prevent the Damages and Inconveniencies arising to the several Inhabitants of these Islands by the straying of Cattle, and for the erecting of Pounds in the several Parishes of these Islands," be renewed and prolonged, and the same hereby are declared to be renewed and prolonged for the Space of two Years from the Publication hereof, with the following Amendments, to wit, That if any Hogs, Sheep, Goats, Turkey Hens, or Poultry, shall be permitted or suffered to run at large and do Damage, and after Warning given to the Owner or Possessor to take the same up, he or she shall refuse or neglect to comply with such Requirement or Warning, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Party injured or aggrieved, to kill or cause to be killed, such Hogs, Sheep, Goats, and Poultry, and deliver the same to the Owners thereof, on the Application of such Owners and their making such Satisfaction for the Damage sustained, as two indifferent Persons, to be appointed by any Magistrate, shall adjudge to be reasonable; and also that Notice shall be given by the Person who shall kill, or cause to be killed, such Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, within two Hours after the killing of the same, in case the Name of the Owner of such killed Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, can be discovered; if not, by Advertisements to be fixed up in some conspicuous Places in the Parish where such killing may happen, under the Penalty of forfeiting such Damages as two indifferent Men, to be appointed as aforesaid, shall award and adjudge: And, that in case after such Notice given or left at the Dwelling-House of such Owner, he or she do not come or send in a reasonable Time for such Hogs, Sheep, Goats, and Poultry, and take the same away, it shall and may be lawful for any Magistrate to cause the said Sheep, Goats, Hogs, and Poultry, to be

The said Acts renewed and prolonged for the Space of two Years,

With Amendments.

Any Hog, Sheep, &c. suffered to run at large after Warning given to the Owner, may be killed by the Person injured.

Such Hog, Sheep, &c. to be delivered to the Owner, on Payment of Damages.

Notice to be given by the Person killing any Hog, Sheep, &c. under a Penalty.

If not taken away within a reasonable Time after Notice, such Hog, Sheep, &c. to be valued by Or-

valued by two Persons, to be appointed as aforesaid, and then
 by a Constable, and the Proceeds of such Sale (the Charges of
 Prosecution and Sale, and the Damage done by such Sheep,
 Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, being first deducted) to be paid to such
 Owner or Owners; always provided, that any Notice given to
 Owner of any Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, of such
 Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, having done Damage, shall be
 deemed and considered as valid for and during the course of two
 Calendar Months next succeeding the Time of such Notice.

der of a Ma-
 gistrate, and
 sold by a
 Constable.

The Pro-
 ceeds after
 Deduction of
 Damages,
 &c. to be
 paid to the
 Owner.

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 Any Notice
 of Damage
 done by a
 Hog, Sheep,
 &c. to be
 considered
 as valid for
 two Months.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 16th Day of *April*,
 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for
 Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
 this 29th Day of *April*, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, *President*.

SENTED to this 25th Day of *May*, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

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B E R M U D A.

An ACT to renew and prolong an Act,
intituled “ An Act to prevent the vending
“ or retailing Goods, Wares, or Merchan-
“ dize, by Negroes, Mulattos, or Mustees,
“ whether bond or free, wandering up and
“ down throughout these Islands; and also
“ the sale of Goods, Wares, and Merchan-
“ dize, by Lottery, Dice, Cards, or Raf-
“ fling; and also to prevent Negroes, Mu-
“ lattos, or Mustees, in these Islands,
“ whether bond or free, from exercising the
“ Trade or Bufiness of a Butcher.”

HEREAS the said Act, intituled “ An Act to Preamble.
“ prevent the vending or retailing Goods,
“ Wares, or Merchandize, by Negroes, Mu-
“ lattos, or Mustees, whether bond or free,
“ wandering up and down throughout these
“ Islands; and also the sale of Goods, Wares,
“ and Merchandize by Lottery, Dice, Cards,
or Raffling; and to prevent Negroes, Mulattos, or Mustees,
in these Islands, whether bond or free, from exercising the Trade
or Bufiness of a Butcher,” was made and passed the twenty-first
ay of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine,
and was to continue in force for and during the Term of Two
ears, to commence at the expiration of ninety Days after the
ublication thereof, and thence to the End of the next Sesssion of
ffembly, and then to determine and expire. And whereas the
id Act, although found to be productive of general utility, has

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nevertheless expired, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful
loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Be-
muda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your
Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty
Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and
ordained by the Authority of the same, that the said Act, so intit-

Recital of
the Title of
the former
Act.

" An Act to prevent the vending or retailing Goods, Wares,
" Merchandize, by Negroes, Mulattos, or Mustees, whether bond
" or free, wandering up and down throughout these Islands; and
" also the sale of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, by Lotter
" Dice, Cards, or Raffling; and to prevent Negroes, Mulattos,
" Mustees, in these Islands, whether bond or free, from exercisin
" the Trade or Business of a Butcher," be renewed and prolonged

The said Act
renewed and
prolonged
for the space
of five Years.

and the same hereby is declared to be renewed and prolonged for the
Space of five Years, to be computed from the expiration of three
Days next ensuing the publication hereof, and thence to the End
the next Session of Assembly, and then to determine and expire.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 25th Day of March
1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for
Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 10th Day of April, 1784.

JOHN HARVY, *President*.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE

PUBLISHED on the Parade, in St. George's,
the 29th Day of May, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL.



B E R M U D A.

An ACT to prolong, alter, and amend an Act, intituled “ An Act for the Preservation
“ of the different Harbours within these
“ Islands, by the removal of the Hulks,
“ Wrecks, and Remains of Vessels now lying
“ therein, and pointing out the Mode to be
“ observed in the Removal of any Hulks,
“ Wrecks, and Remains of Vessels in fu-
“ ture, and for the prevention of Damage
“ by the improper heaving of Ballast, Rub-
“ bish, and Gravel into the said Harbours.”

HEREAS the said Act, intituled “ An Act for Preamble.
“ the Preservation of the different Harbours
“ within these Islands, by the removal of the
“ Hulks, Wrecks, and Remains of Vessels now
“ lying therein, and pointing out the Mode to
“ be observed in the removal of any Hulks,
“ Wrecks, and Remains of Vessels in future,

and for the prevention of Damage by the improper heaving of
Ballast, Rubbish, and Gravel into the said Harbours,” was made
and passed the thirtieth Day of *March*, in the Year One Thousand
even Hundred and Eighty-two, and was to continue in force for
the Term of two full Years from the Publication thereof, and then
to determine and expire. And whereas the said Act, although
seemed very beneficial to the Public, is yet about to expire,
We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects,
the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer
Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that
may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor,
Council,

Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the said Act, so intituled “

Recital of
the Title of
the former
Act.

“ Act for the preservation of the different Harbours within the
“ Islands, by the removal of the Hulks, Wrecks, and Remains of
“ Vessels now lying therein, and pointing out the Mode to be ob-
“ served in the removal of any Hulks, Wrecks, and Remains of
“ Vessels in future, and for the prevention of Damage by the
“ improper heaving of Ballast, Rubbish, and Gravel into the
“ said Harbours,” be prolonged for the Term of five Years from

Said Act
prolonged
for the Term
of five Years,
with Alter-
ations.

the publication hereof, and then to determine and expire, with the
following Alterations and Amendments, to wit, That Captain

JOHN TROTT, be the Harbour-Master for the Parish of St. George
in the room of Stephen Judkin, Esquire; and that in case it should

The Expence
of removing
any Hulk,
&c. not own-
ed or intro-
duced by any
Person hav-
ing Property
in these
Islands, to be
discharged
by the Pub-
lic.

appear that any Hulk, Wreck, or Remains of any Vessel, prejudicial
or likely to be prejudicial to any Harbour, is not owned, nor was
introduced by any Inhabitant or Resident of or in these Islands,
any Person who has Property in these Islands, which by Law might
be attached to defray the Expence of the Removal, then, and in every
such Case, that the Expence of the Removal of any and every such
Hulk, Wreck, or Remains of a Vessel, be defrayed and borne by
the Public.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 25th Day of March
1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for
Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 15th Day of May, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, *President*.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE

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the 31st Day of May, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL.



B E R M U D A.

An ACT to permit and allow Vessels, not having dutiable Goods on Board, to enter and clear at the Custom-House, without being subjected to the Necessity of being within the Harbour of St. George, in the Islands of Bermuda, at the Time of such Entry or Clearance.

WHEREAS the Trade of these Islands has been Preamble,
at different Times heretofore harrassed and considerably prejudiced by Vessels being improperly subjected to the necessity of being within the Harbour or Port of St. George, at the Time of such Vessels Entering or Clearing at the Custom-House and Public Offices, from which no Emolument or Advantage has arisen to the Crown, but considerable Expence, Hazard, and Inconvenience, unavoidably imposed on Individuals engaged in Commerce, to whom it is the Disposition of our Most Gracious Sovereign that every reasonable and proper Encouragement should be given; in order, therefore, effectually to prevent such Difficulties in future, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that it shall not, on any Occasion whatever, at any Time hereafter be lawful, or in the Power of any Governor or Commander in Chief of these Islands, by Proclamation or otherwise, to compel or subject any Vessel whatever to the Necessity of being in the Harbour of St. George previous to its Entrance or Clearance at the Customs; but that in all Cases a Certificate

No Vessel to be subjected to the Necessity of being in the Harbour of St. George previous to its Entrance or Clearance.

A Certificate from a Searcher shall entitle a Vessel to an Entrance or Clearance at the Customs, &c. from a Searcher or preventive Officer of the Customs, that any Vessel has been inspected by him, in such manner as has been heretofore practised, or as shall be by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, deemed and declared to be expedient to the Security of His Majesty's Revenue, shall entitle such Vessel to an Entry or Clearance at the Customs, and other Public Offices, as fully and amply to every intent and purpose, as if such Vessel was then actually within the Harbour or Port of Saint George, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Proviso.

ALWAYS provided, That this Act shall not extend, or be construed to extend to prevent or hinder the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, for the Time being, from ordering and compelling any Ship or Vessel importing or exporting any Goods that may be liable to pay Duties to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to repair and come to the said Town of Saint George, for the better collecting of such Duties.

Another Proviso.

AND also, always provided, That this Act be not in force until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be had thereon, and made known within these Islands.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 25th Day of March, 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker.*

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 29th Day of April, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, *President.*

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

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JOHN ZUILL.



B E R M U D A.

an ACT for an Addition to an Act,
intituled " An Act to authorize and em-
" power the Justice or Justices of the Peace
" in these Islands to hear and determine
" Suits, Trespasses, and Differences, sub-
" sisting between the Inhabitants of distant
" Parishes, in certain Cases ; and also to
" remove some Difficulties in the Collection
" of the Tax by Law imposed on Timber
" Trees ; and also the Salary of His Ex-
" cellency the Governor."

HEREAS in and by the said Act, intituled
" An Act to authorize and empower the
" Justice or Justices of the Peace in these
" Islands to hear and determine Suits, Tres-
" passes, and Differences, subsisting between
" the Inhabitants of distant Parishes, in
" certain Cases ; and also to remove some
Difficulties in the Collection of the Tax by Law imposed on
Timber Trees ; and also the Salary of His Excellency the
Governor," Power and Authority is given to any Magistrate
these Islands to hear and determine any Difference, Trespas, or
it arising in a different Parish, in which it may happen either
at there is no Magistrate residing, or that the Magistrate of such
Parish may refuse or neglect to hear and determine such Difference,
Trespas, or Suit: And whereas, also, in and by the said Act, no
Power or Authority is given to the Justice, who, in order to hear
and determine any Suit, Trespas, or Difference, may be neces-
sitated to send his Constable into a distant Parish, to allow such
Constable a fit Compensation for his Services,—in order, therefore,

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a former Act.

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Magistrates
authorized
to allow
Constables
sent by them
into any
neighbour-
ing or dis-
tant Parish,
such Sum,
not exceed-
ing 20s. as
they shall
deem a full
Compensa-
tion for their
Services.

Also to make
any Com-
plainant
from a
distant Pa-
rish such
Allowance,
not exceed-
ing 10s. a
Day, as they
shall think
proper.
And in Case
of refusal to
levy.

to remedy this Inconvenience, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, That whenever any Magistrate in these Islands, shall, for the furtherance of Justice, find it necessary to send a Constable into any neighbouring or distant Parish, (which such Magistrate is hereby declared to be empowered to do, when, and as often as it shall to him seem meet) it shall and may be lawful, and in the Power of such Magistrate to tax and allow such Constable for the Service of each and every Summons, Warrant, Execution, or other Process, such Sum, not exceeding Twenty Shillings, as such Magistrate shall deem a full Compensation for such Service; and also, to tax for any Person making a Complaint from a distant Parish, such Allowance, not exceeding Ten Shillings a Day for the Time that may be expended in travelling to and from the Parish in which such Complainant or Plaintiff may reside, to the said Magistrate, as shall be a full Compensation for such loss of Time; and in case of refusal or delay of Payment, that it be in the Power of such Magistrate to levy the said Costs by Sale of the Goods and Chattels, or other Estate of the Person refusing or delaying to make Payment as aforesaid.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 16th Day of April 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 29th Day of April, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, *President*.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE


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JOHN ZUILL



B E R M U D A.

an ACT to prolong and make indefinite
an Act, intituled " An Act for ascertaining
" the manner in which Martial Law shall
" be declared and conducted whenever the
" Necessities of the Public shall render
" such a Measure expedient."



HEREAS the said Act, intituled " An Act
" for ascertaining the manner in which Martial
" Law shall be declared and conducted, when-
" ever the Necessities of the Public shall render
" such a Measure expedient," was made, passed,
and published the second Day of *April*, One
Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-two, and
as to continue in force for and during the Term of two Years
from the Publication thereof, and thence to the End of the next
Session of Assembly, and then to determine and expire: And
whereas it is a matter of the first Consideration with the good
people of these Islands, that the Mode of declaring and conducting
Martial Law ~~should~~ be fixed, positive and permanent, We, therefore,
your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly
of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America,
do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted,
and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and
Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority
of the same, that the said Act, intituled " An Act for ascertaining
the manner in which Martial Law shall be declared and
conducted, whenever the Necessities of the Public shall render
such a Measure expedient," be prolonged, and the same
thereby is declared to be prolonged and rendered indefinite.

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VOTED and passed the Assembly this 28th Day of April
1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for
Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 29th Day of *April*, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, *President*.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of *May*, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.


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JOHN ZUILL.



B E R M U D A.

an ACT to repeal an Act, intitled " An
" Additional Act for the Encouragement
" of the Pilots of these Islands ;" and also
such Parts of an Act, intitled " An Act
" for the settling the Governor's, and all
" his Officers Fees," as doth or may re-
late to the Pilotage of the Islands of
Bermuda.

 HEREAS the Trade and Commerce of these
Islands have been subjected to many Incon-
veniences from the want of a fit Regulation
of the Pilotage, the Laws hitherto provided
for that purpose having proved unequal to
the Intention of the Legislature; and whereas
it may possibly, at some future Day, be made
Question whether the Acts herein after recited do not, in some
anner, clash with or militate against certain wholesome Re-
lations of the Pilotage, which have lately been adopted by
e Legislature; in order, therefore, to remove every the least
oubt on an occasion of such Moment to the Prosperity of
ese Islands, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal
bjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Ber-
uda or Somer Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your
Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's
overnor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and
dained by the Authority of the same, That the Act, intitled
An additional Act for the Encouragement of the Pilots of these
Islands," and also such Parts of an Act, intitled " An Act for
the settling the Governor's, and all his Officers Fees," as doth
may relate to the Pilotage of these Islands be, and the same are
ereby declared to be repealed.

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PROVIDED always, that this Act be not in force until his Majesty's Pleasure be had thereon, and made known in the Islands.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 14th Day of May 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 15th Day of May, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, *President*.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.


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the 31st Day of May, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL.



B E R M U D A.

n A C T for giving Relief to certain Transgressors of the Acts for the Prevention of the spreading of the Small Pox, from a Consideration of the Difficulty of Situation to which they were subjected.

 HEREAS the Small Pox had been found, Preamble.
in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, either through the inadvertency of Persons coming to these Islands with that Disorder, or the negligence of those who were concerned in the Conduct of Inoculation, then admitted on certain small Islands, to be making such progress in particular Parishes as to alarm the generality of the Inhabitants with an apprehension of the impossibility of escaping it, by which many well disposed Persons desirous of attending in the best manner that their then Situation would admit of, to the preservation of the Lives of their Families, were induced, however reluctantly, to risque the Transgression of the Law by receiving and communicating the Disorder by inoculation,

AND whereas it is, in particular Situations, as essential to the Dignity of Government and the well being of Society to abate the severity of the Laws, as it is necessary to punish the slightest violation therefrom, whenever it shall arise from wantonness of principle, or a wish to disturb the Quiet and Happiness of the Community; in order, therefore, the more effectually to evince the Disposition of the Legislative Body of these Islands to promote every possible alleviation of the Difficulties of the Inhabitants, that may not be inconsistent with the Dignity of Government, and the general good of the Community, We, your Majesty's

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All Fines & Forfeitures incurred from the 1st Day of Jan. to the 1st Day of December, 1783, forgiven and declared to be irrecoverable.

Proviso.

most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that all Fines and Forfeitures incurred by any Person or Persons whatever, under the Acts for the Prevention of the Spreading of the Small Pox, from the first Day of January to the first Day of December, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, be, and they are hereby declared to be forborn, forgiven, and irrecoverable from henceforth for ever.

ALWAYS provided, that it is not the Intention of this Act to exempt any Person or Persons coming within the above Description from the Necessity of paying such Expences for Guaranties and other Purposes as may have already been, or shall hereafter be fixed, assessed, and determined by the Commissioners appointed under the above recited Act, to be by him, her, or them paid for the security of the Public; but on the contrary, that all Persons refusing to comply perfectly, thoroughly, and immediately, with the Determination of the Commissioners as above recited, after being duly informed of the Intention of this Act, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, to all Intents and Purposes, excluded from the Benefit of this Act.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 15th Day of May, 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 15th Day of May, 1784.

THOMAS JONES, *President*.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

PUBLISHED on the Parade, in St. George's,
the 29th Day of May, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL.



B E R M U D A.

An ACT for an Addition to, and Amend-
ment of an Act, intituled “ An Act for
“ fixing and ascertaining the Rates of
“ Ferryage, between the Westermost Part
“ of the Island of St. George, and the
“ Island commonly called Cony Island,
“ now joined to the main Land by a Cause-
“ way, and for the disposal of the Profits
“ arising therefrom.”

HEREAS in and by the said Act, intituled
“ An Act for fixing and ascertaining the Rates
“ of Ferryage between the Westermost Part
“ of the Island of Saint George, and the
“ Island commonly called Cony Island, now
“ joined to the main Land by a Causeway,
“ and for the disposal of the Profits arising
therefrom,” it was enacted, that on the second *Tuesday* in *May*
next ensuing the Publication of the said Act, the said Ferry, with
the Ferry Houses and its Appurtenances, as in the said Act
described, should be sold at a Yearly Rent to the highest Bidder,
by Public Outcry, on the Parade, in the Town of Saint George, by the
Public Treasurer, for the Space of three Years, to commence
on the sixteenth Day of the Month of *June* next ensuing the
Publication of the said Act; and whereas no Person appeared on
the said second *Tuesday* of *May*, in the said Act mentioned to bid
for the said Ferry, Ferry Houses, and its Appurtenances; and
whereas also, no express Direction is by the said Act given to
the Public Treasurer how to proceed on such Occasion, We,
Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General
Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands,
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The Treas-
urer author-
ized to sell
the Ferry,
Ferry Houses
&c. for the
Term of
three Years.
Ten Days
previous
Notice to be
given.

At the Expi-
ration of the
said Term of
three Years,
or whenever
a Vacancy
may happen,
the said Fer-
ry, &c. to be
again sold.

in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, That on or before the first Day of June next ensuing the Publication hereof, the Public Treasurer be authorized, to sell at Public Outcry, on the Parade, in the Town of St. George, the said Ferry, Ferry Houses, and Appurtenances for the Term of three Years, on the Conditions in the said Act mentioned ten Days previous Notice of the Time and Place of Sale being given by Advertisements, to be affixed in the most public Places throughout these Islands, or in the Bermuda Gazette; and also at the expiration of the said Term of three Years and of every succeeding Term, or whenever a Vacancy may happen again, to sell the said Ferry, Ferry Houses, and Appurtenances, at Public Outcry, on the Terms and Conditions in the said Act prescribed.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 25th Day of March 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 10th Day of April, 1784.

JOHN HARVY, *President*.

ASSENTED to this 25th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE

PUBLISHED on the Parade, in St. George's,
the 31st Day of May, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL.

B E R M U D A.

An ACT for issuing from the Public Treasury Certificates to certain Creditors to the Public, making those Certificates assignable and negotiable, and directing the Manner of sinking the same.

HEREAS during the late War the Public of Preamble.
these Islands were necessarily involved in
greater Expences than can be immediately
defrayed, in order, therefore, to give every
possible Satisfaction to the Creditors of the
Public, while Monies are gradually collect-
ing from the People, We, your Majesty's
most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of
these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America,
do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted,
and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and
Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority
of the same, that Certificates to the amount of Five Hundred
Pounds, current Money, be issued from the Public Treasury, on
or before the tenth Day of June next, to His Excellency William
Browne, Esquire, in full, for the third Year of the Salary settled
on His said Excellency, by an Act, intituled "An Act for the
Settlement of a Yearly Salary on His Excellency William
Browne, Esquire, Captain General, Governor, and Commander
in Chief of these Islands," due the sixteenth Day of June next,
to carry legal Interest from that Date, and that on or before the
said tenth Day of June next there be issued from the Public
Treasury, Certificates to the following Persons, to wit, To
Messieurs Jennings, Tuckers, and Company, Two Hundred and
thirty-one Pounds One Shilling and Nine-pence, Balance of
advances made in London to Joseph Stockdale, Printer, for
account

Certificates
to be issued.

account of the Public of these Islands, to carry Interest from the Date.—To William Hall, Senior, Esq; Five Pounds Five Shillings and Four-pence.—To Isaac Cowie, Six Pounds.—To the Executors or Administrators of the Honourable Jonathan Burdett Esq; Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Nine-pence.—To Doctor Jonathan Tucker, Twenty Pounds.—To John Gilbert Esq; Three Pounds Five Shillings.—To James Tucker, Esq; Three Pounds Five Shillings.—To John Fisher, Three Pounds Five Shillings.—To John Edmund Stiles, Nine Pounds Three Shillings.—To James Prudden, Esq; Three Pounds Five Shillings.—To Captain Thomas Tucker, Three Pounds Nine Shillings and Ten-pence.—To the Reverend Alexander Richardson, Fifty-four Pounds.—To Arthur Outerbridge, Clerk of the Peace, for the Expences of entertaining the Magistrates at the Quarter Session Twenty Pounds Five Shillings and Fourpence.—To Arthur Outerbridge, as Clerk of the Peace, Five Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ten-pence.—To Samuel Saltus, Esq; One Pound One Shilling and Four-pence.—To the Rev. John Moore, in full, to August 1783, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, Fifty Pounds.—To Arthur Outerbridge, Clerk of the Peace, Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To John Esten, Esq; One Pound Twelve Shillings and Ten-pence.—To Captain John Seymour, Nine Pounds Seven Shillings.—To John Robert Cryer, Seventeen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence.—To Messrs. Jennings, Tuckers and Co. Twenty-one Pounds Nine Shillings and Seven-pence.—To John Lewis, Clerk of the Assize up to December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, Eighty-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Henry Tucker, Esq; Treasurer, Ninety-one Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To William Graham, Esq; late Attorney General, Seventeen Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Four-pence.—To John Grove Palmer, Esq; Attorney General, in full, One Hundred and One Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Captain Henry Trott, Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence.—To Robert Hill, Four Pounds Two Shillings.—To sundry Persons, for Interest on Monies by them advanced for the Use of the Public, to wit, John Jennings, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Henry Tucker, of Somerset, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To the Honourable John Harvey, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To James Tucker, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Samuel Saltus, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To John Tucker Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Daniel Tucker, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eightpence.

—To Robert Tucker, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Richard Jennings, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Joseph Lusher, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To John Noble Taylor, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To George Bascome, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Thomas Tucker, Esq; Twelve Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Samuel Lightburne, Six Pounds Eight Shillings and Four-pence.—To Seth Harvey, Esq; Three Pounds Four Shillings and Two-pence.—To Edward Dunscome, Three Pounds Four Shillings and Two-pence.—To William Dunscome, Three Pounds Four Shillings and Two-pence.—To Willis Morgan, Three Pounds Four Shillings and Two-pence.—To John Esten, Esq; Five Pounds Two Shillings and Eight-pence.—To Stephen Judkin, Esq; Twelve Shillings and Ten-pence.—To Elias Young, Twelve Shillings and Ten-pence.—To John Lewis, Clerk of the Council, Eighty-seven Pounds and Eight-pence.—To John Zuill, Clerk of the Assembly, Ninety-six Pounds Three Shillings and Four-pence.—To John Roberts, Door-keeper, Twenty-two Pounds.—To Captain Walton Kelly, Fifteen Pounds.

To the several Members of Council, or their legal Representatives, the Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence, as settled and adjusted by the Council, the fifteenth Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four.—To the several Members of the Assembly, or their legal Representatives, the Sum of Six Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, as settled and adjusted by the House of Assembly to the fifteenth Day of *May* aforesaid.—To the Honorable the Council for their attendance in Council, the sum of Thirty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Four-pence, as settled and adjusted by the Council, to the twenty-ninth Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four.—To George Bascome, Esq; for Expences incurred for Account of the public, as Clerk of the Committee of Correspondence with the public Agent, Thirty Pounds.—To the Honourable Henry Tucker, Esq; Secretary and Provost-Marshal, One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Eight Shillings and Four-pence.—To the Honourable Samuel Trott, Esq; for hire of a House for Barracks, at the Flats, Sixty-four Pounds.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates herein before directed to be issued, in consequence of this Act,

Act, be printed and couched in the Words and Figures following to wit,

Form of
Certificates.

No.

BERMUDA,

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This Certificate intitles to the Sum of Current Money from the Public Treasury of these Islands, payable from the Fund established by an Act, intitled "An Act for Raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands," to carry legal Interest from to the Time of Payment.

Certificates to be issued in such Proportions as shall be most agreeable to the Public Creditors.

Proviso.

And whereas it may be beneficial to the Public Creditors herein before-mentioned, to have Certificates in Sums smaller than the amount of their several Demands, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer or Receiver General to issue Certificates to the said Creditors, in such proportions of their several Demands, as shall be to them most agreeable; provided always, that no Certificate for a Division of a Debt be made for a less Sum than Ten Pounds Current Money.

Certificates made assignable and negotiable.

To carry legal Interest.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Certificate or Certificates issued in the manner before directed, be assignable and negotiable in the same manner as Promissory Notes are made by Law; and in case such Certificate or Certificates shall not be paid or discharged by the Treasurer aforesaid, within the Time in such Certificate particularly limited and expressed, then such Certificate or Certificates shall from such Time of Limitation, carry legal Interest until paid or discharged.

Persons counterfeit- ing, forging, &c. any Certificate, to suffer Death.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Person or Persons shall counterfeit, forge, erase, or alter any Certificate or Certificates, issued in the manner herein before directed, with Intention to Defraud, such Person so counterfeiting, forging, erasing, or altering such Certificate or Certificates, being thereof legally convicted, shall suffer Death without Benefit of Clergy.

Certificates to be paid in regular suc- cession.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates which shall be issued in consequence of this Act, by the Treasurer aforesaid, paid in the regular succession herein prescribed; yet nevertheless, that such Certificates be, and the same hereby are declared to be a legal Tender to, and shall be received

received in payment in the same manner as Gold and Silver Monies are, and by Law ought to be within these Islands, by the Public Treasurer, for the discharging of any Duties, Taxes, or other Debts whatsoever, due and payable at or in the Public Treasury of these Islands, any thing in this or any other Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

And received by the Treasurer in Payment of Duties, &c.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if at any Time the Treasurer aforesaid shall find that any Certificate issued in consequence of this Act, and in regular succession to be paid and discharged, has, either by accident or neglect, not been presented to him for that Purpose, he shall, in such Case, give notice thereof by Advertisement put up in his Office, free and open to public Inspection, and then, if not produced to him for payment within thirty Days, Interest shall not be allowed on such Certificate from the expiration of that Time, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Treasurer to give Notice by Advertisement in his Office, of any Certificate not presented for Payment in regular succession. No further Interest to be allowed on such Certificate, if not produced within thirty Days after such Notice. The Treasurer, whenever called upon, to produce to a Committee such Certificates as he shall have discharged, which, after due Examination, shall be destroyed. Certificates to carry Interest at the expiration of six Months after Date.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whenever the Treasurer of these Islands shall be called on, during the sitting of the General Assembly, he shall produce to a Committee, to be particularly appointed for that Purpose, such Certificates as he shall have fully paid and satisfied; which Certificates, after due Examination and Account taken thereof, shall be by him the said Treasurer, in the presence of such Committee, burned and destroyed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates to be issued in consequence of this Act, except those therein before otherwise particularly expressed, do carry Interest at the expiration of six Months from the Date.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 15th Day of May, 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker.*

CONCURRED to by the Council this 28th Day of May, 1784.

JOHN HARVY, *President.*

SENT to this 28th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

PUBLISHED on the Parade, in St. George's, the 29th Day of May, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL,

and declined to be laid before the Council for
the 12th day of July 1891

JOHN HARVEY, Prisoner.

WILLIAM BROWN

WILLIAM D. on the Parade in St. George's.

the 2nd Day of May, 1884.


JOHN X. DILLI

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B E R M U D A.

an ACT for repealing an Act, intituled
“ An Act for renewing, prolonging, and
“ amending an Act, intituled “ An Act to
“ prevent the spreading of the Small-pox;”
“ and also for renewing and prolonging one
“ other Act, intituled “ An Act for an
“ Addition to, and Amendment of an Act,
“ intituled, An Act to prevent the spreading
“ of the Small-pox;” passed *April* the
Twenty-second, One Thousand Seven Hun-
dred and Eighty; and one other Act, in-
titled “ An Act for an Addition to, and
“ Amendment of an Act, intituled, “ An
“ Act to prevent the spreading of the
“ Small-pox,” passed the Fourth Day of
April, One Thousand Seven Hundred and
Eighty-three; and making the Practice of
Inoculation as easy to the Inhabitants as
may be consistent with the general Safety.

 HEREAS the restraining of Inoculation for Preamble.
the Small-pox to certain small Islands within
this Government, has been found to be at-
tended with more Inconveniency, heavier
Expences, and not greater Security to the
Inhabitants than Inoculation would be other-
wise subjected to; and as from the little
danger that is now apprehended from the modern Practice of
Inoculation,

Recital of
Titles of for-
mer Acts.

Said Acts
repealed.

Inoculation, it is fitting that every Encouragement from the Public should be given thereto, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somer Islands, in America do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the Act, intituled "An Act for renewing and prolonging, and amending an Act, intituled "An Act to prevent the spreading of the Small-pox;" and also for renewing and prolonging one other Act, intituled "An Act to prevent the spreading of the Small-pox," passed *April* the Twenty-second of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty; and one other Act intituled "An Act to prevent the spreading of the Small-pox," passed *April* the Fourth, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, be, and they are hereby declared to be from hence forth repealed.

Commission-
ers to grant
Licences to
Inoculate
within the
Parishes in
which they
shall reside.

Condition.

Commission-
ers to receive
3s. 4d. for
each Person
inserted in
any Licence.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful to the Commissioners hereinafter appointed for the different Parishes within these Islands, to grant to any Persons applying therefor, a Licence for themselves, or any other Individuals of their Families, to receive the Small-pox by Inoculation, at such Time and Place within the Parish in which the said Commissioners shall dwell or reside as shall be approved by the said Commissioners; the Names of the Persons to be Inoculated and the Time and Place admitted for Inoculation being recited in the said Licence, on Condition that previous to the receipt of such Licence, the Person applying therefor shall give good, sufficient and approved Security to the Commissioners for the Parish that they will comply in every Instance, fully and truly, with such Orders and Regulations as shall be thought necessary to the Security of the Inhabitants, and required of them by the said Commissioners who shall be entitled to receive the Sum of Three Shillings and Four-pence for each and every Person inserted in any Licence above, to be paid at the Time of granting such Licence.

Places of In-
fection to be
cleansed.
Commission-
ers to cause
the same to
be afterwards
examined,

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that as soon as may be, after recovery from the Small-pox of any Person who shall have received it by Inoculation, the Places of Infection shall be cleansed, and Notice given thereof to the Commissioners of the Parish, who shall cause the same to be examined; and if on examination, the said Places shall be found to have been imperfectly cleansed, then the said Commissioners shall be, and they

he hereby declared to be fully authorized to employ such Persons and they shall think proper for cleansing the same; the Expences of which shall be assessed by the said Commissioners, and the Amount of the said Assessment paid by the Person who shall have received Licence for such Inoculation.

and thoroughly cleansed, if not done before,

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whenever the Security of the Inhabitants may require that Guards should be fixed round a Place infected with the Small-pox whether from inoculation or otherwise, the Commissioners for each Parish shall give, and they are hereby declared to have full Power and Authority to take such Steps, and to make such Appointments for the purpose as to them shall appear reasonable and proper, the Expences of which shall be defrayed by the Persons who shall have received Licence for Inoculation in such Place, the Person who shall have carried the Infection thereto, or the Person who shall be the Proprietor thereof, in such manner as shall be assessed and determined by the said Commissioners; such Cases only excepted in which the Burthen of the above Expences should, from the inability of the Patient or Proprietor, be by the Parish or otherwise provided for.

Commissioners authorized to appoint Guards, when necessary.

Expences, by whom to be defrayed,

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case of refusal, neglect, or delay in any Person hereby made liable to the Payment of any of the foregoing Expences, incurred for the Security of the Inhabitants, agreeable to Assessment in the foregoing manner made by the Commissioners of the Parish, it shall and may be lawful to the said Commissioners to recover the same, in their own Names, as in Action of Debt not exceeding Forty Shillings, by Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding, of which Actions the said Justices are hereby required to be empowered to take Cognizance.

And in Cases of Refusal, by whom and in what Manner to be recovered.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Freeholders and Inhabitants of each Parish in these Islands, at a Parish Meeting, to be called by the Justice or Justices of the said Parish, (on the application or request of such Freeholders or Inhabitants, or any three or more of them, in which application or request such Justice or Justices is, and are hereby authorized and required to pay Attention) at any Time after the First Day of July next ensuing the publication hereof, to elect and choose by majority of the Voices of the Persons so assembled, from out of the Inhabitants of such Parish, a number of Persons, not less than three, nor more than five, who shall

Justices authorized (on Application) to call Parish Meetings.

Commissioners to be chosen for Twelve Months.

be and hereby are declared to be Commissioners for carrying into Execution the Purposes of this Act for the space of twelve Calendar Months next ensuing the Time of such Election; and that in case of the death, inability, absence, or removal of any or either of the said Commissioners, such Vacancy be supplied by the Election of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of such Parish; and also, that on or before the Expiration of the Office of such Commissioners, if shall and may be lawful for the Freeholders and Inhabitants of such Parish to elect a like Number of other Persons in the room and stead of those Commissioners so about to go out of Office, who shall officiate as Commissioners for one Year: Always provided, that it shall be no objection to any Commissioner that he has been in Office the preceding Year; and that on all and every Occasion a Majority of the Commissioners of any Parish be empowered to Act as fully and amply, to every Intention and Purpose, as if the whole Number of Commissioners were present.

Vacancies, how to be supplied.

New Commissioners to be elected before the old ones go out of Office.

Proviso.

A Majority of Commissioners empowered to act.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Person who shall Inoculate, or suffer himself or herself to be inoculated, or the Father, Mother, Master, Mistress, Owner, Possessor of any infant Child, Apprentice, or Slave, who shall Inoculate, or cause, or suffer, or permit to be inoculated, any Infant, Child, Apprentice, or Slave, and the Doctor, Physician, Chirurgeon, or other Person performing such Operation, without the Licence and Permission of the Commissioners appointed under this Act, shall severally forfeit and pay for every Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds, current Money, to be recovered by the Attorney-General for the Time being, or whoever will sue for the same; and be applied to the supplying the deficiency of the Fund, established by an Act, intituled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands, except in Cases where the Suit shall be prosecuted by a Person other than the Attorney-General, in which Case one half Part of the said Forfeiture shall be to the Use of the Person suing for the same, and the other half to the supplying the Deficiency of the said Fund.

Any Person Inoculated, and the Doctor or Person Inoculating without Licence, to forfeit each the sum of 10l.

Application.

Exception.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the publication of this Act, whenever a Pilot, Deputy Pilot, or any Person acting in that capacity, shall come within Hail of any Vessel from Sea, he shall demand whether the Small-pox be there or has been on Board at any Time since her sailing from her last Port, and upon Discovery that such has been the Case, shall

Duty of a Pilot, &c. going on board any Vessel, from Sea,

ire the Master or Commander of such Vessel to cause to be And of the
 lifted some Ensign or other Colours in some conspicuous Part of Master of
 the Shrouds of such Vessel, and to be continued abroad until one any Vessel
 more of the Commissioners appointed by this Act be made having the
 acquainted therewith, and leave be given by them to remove the Small-pox
 ne; and that the Commissioners present, or a Majority of them on board,
 and they are hereby declared to be fully authorised to make &c.
 ch Orders and Regulations respecting the Anchoring such Vessel, Commission-
 d the removal of, as well the Master or Commander, Crew and ers autho-
 ssengers, as Goods laden on board, as they shall find necessary rised to give
 the Safety of the Inhabitants: Always provided, that a becoming Orders re-
 Com attention be had to the Security of such Vessel and Cargo, and the spectingsuch
 d the Vessel, &c.
 of an Vessel, &c.
 Inter Provifo.
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 AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Pilot,
 Deputy Pilot, or other Person acting in that Capacity, any Captain
 Commander, Mariner or Passenger on board a Vessel coming to
 these Islands with the Small-pox, or that shall have had the Small-
 pox on board since her sailing from her last Port, refusing, neg-
 lecting, or delaying to comply with the Direction of the Com-
 missioners aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for each and every
 offence, the Sum of Ten Pounds, current Money, to be recovered
 by the said Commissioners, as in Actions of Debt not exceeding
 forty Shillings, and applied to the Use of the Parish in which
 such Offence shall have been committed, or such fine recovered;
 and that this Act shall be and remain in Force for and during the
 term of five Years from the commencement thereof, and thence to
 the End of the next Session of Assembly, and then determine and
 expire. Always provided, that the commencement of the said
 Act be not until His Majesty's Assent thereto be first had and made
 known in these Islands.

Any Person
 neglecting to
 comply with
 the Direc-
 tions of the
 Commission-
 ers, to for-
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 be recovered
 by the said
 Commis-
 sioners, for
 the use of
 the Parish in
 which the
 Offence shall
 have been
 committed.
 Continu-
 ance of the
 Act.
 Provifo.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 29th Day of April,
 1784, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for
 Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, *Speaker.*

CONCURRED to by the Council
 this 28th Day of May, 1784.

JOHN HARVY, *President.*

ASSENTED to this 28th Day of May, 1784.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

PUBLISHED on the Parade, in St. George's,
 the 29th Day of May, 1784.

JOHN ZUILL.

